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The Honorable Jesse M. Furman United States District Judge Southern District of New York Thurgood Marshall United States Courthouse 40 Foley Square New York, NY 10007 As counsel are aware, there is only limited availability to hold video proceedings with detained defendants at this time, with priority given to pleas, sentencings, and bail hearings. In light of that, counsel shall confer and, no later than July 27, 2020, submit a joint letter explaining why they believe a conference is needed. In the letter, counsel should actually comply with the Court's Order of July 20, 2020, see ECF No. 8, and include the information requested by the Court. The Clerk of Court is directed to terminate ECF No. 9.

Re: United States v. Tymel Abrams, 20 CR 352 (JMF)

Dear Judge Furman,

After having now spoken to counsel for the defendant, the Government writes on behalf of the defendant and at the direction of the Court to request respectfully that the Court hold an initial conference by video conference at the earliest convenience of the Court. The Government defers to the preference of the defendant and can be available at any time for the initial appearance.

Respectfully submitted,

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